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The regular weekly meeting of the Rollins College Student Government was held on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at 6:30 pm, at Rollins College in the Galloway Room, the Chairman and Clerk being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as correct.

The Executive Reports were given as follows:

- a. President
 - i. Constitutional revisions
- b. Vice President
 - i. Junior and Senior seats
 - ii. Facebook group
- c. Chief Justice
 - i. Remember the **28th of November** is when your senator contracts need to be fulfilled or else you have to go in front of the Judicial Board
- d. Academic Affairs
 - i. Approved major- Art Administration
 - ii. 128 credit hours- no class is more than 4 credit hours
- e. Finance
 - i. I'm meeting with Mary faith and Blake this week
 - ii. F&S meeting next week
- f. Internal Relations
 - i. PSC meeting: discussed distribution of faculty Critchfield grants and the possibility of hiring lecturing faculty for Holt instead of adjuncts as it is now
 - ii. There are a few weeks' minutes that are not available on the website, but I am working with the marketing department to get this problem fixed
- g. Public Relations
 - i. We will be promoting Rolly Trolly- Flyers are being made now
 - ii. Events/PR committees tabling for next week
- h. Student Life
 - i. Next meeting will be next Tuesday, November 6th
 - ii. If you have any issues regarding student life (i.e. res life issues, campus safety concerns, food concerns, concerns/issues with student organizations, etc.) please bring them to me
 - iii. My next office hours are tomorrow from 5:30 - 6:30PM and Friday from 9:30 - 10:30AM. Drop by or email me
- i. Events
 - i. Rolly Trolly contract signed today
 - ii. Sign up sheets for tabling for Rolly Trolly will go out next Wednesday. We will be tabling on the following dates during common hour:
 - 1. November 9
 - 2. November 12
 - 3. November 14
 - 4. November 19

- iii. On November 4 at 9 PM Rollins Democracy Project is presenting "Uncle Sam's Poll Party"- Mary Faithe and Brock will be presenting a resolution for support of this even in new business.

The Organizational Senator Reports were given as follows:

- j. Panhellenic
 - i. Recruitment Info session November 12
 - k. IFC
 - i. Teaming up with REP- Nov 16 silent rave held at Winter Park Plaza
 - ii. Nov. 30 with Pan Hel for cook off
 - iii. Nov. 8- CanPaign
 - l. REP
 - i. Script tickets on sale
 - ii. Silent Rave
 - iii. Parent's Weekend this weekend
 - iv. Applications for REP exec due soon
 - m. OMA
 - i. First candidate for Director came yesterday
- II. Ad Hoc Committees
- a. Foods Services
 - i. Taking into consideration suggestions about weekend food/healthier options; expansion of C-store sandwich line
 - b. Exploring Rollins Traditions
 - i. Attending an R-Pride meeting; find traditions to possibly implement

During New Business, Legislation 1213.03 regarding a student town hall to be held about Rollins' anti-discrimination policy was presented and adopted by the Senate. Legislation 1213.04 regarding Student Government's support of the Uncle Sam's After-Poll Party was presented and adopted by the Senate. The Rollins Football Club President attended the meeting and discussed the club's proposal for on campus game on December 1, asking for SGA's support of the event. The Parliamentarian mentioned that SGA could possibly create a petition or legislation in support of the Football Club. There was a motion to table discussion of this item until next week. The motion was passed by the Senate.

During Open Forum, a motion was made to table any discussion about smoking policy until next week. The motion was passed by the Senate. A Senator raised a concern about the potential transition to 128 credit hour requirement for graduation and the consequent reduction of science courses to 4 hours of credit instead of 6 hours; she asked if this meant students would have to take more classes to reach the 128 hour requirement. Another Senator who sits on the Academic Affairs Committee responded that students

anymore. Another Senator asked what the harm is in keeping 140 credit hours. The Parliamentarian responded that change will make load on students equal to that of public university. The President added that the change is also in response to a transition to a “5 + 1” teaching load, whereby professors will be required to teach 5 normal classes per year, PLUS an “extra” such as an international experience; this, plus the fact that General Education requirements will be reduced by 5 courses, leads to a need to reduce credit hour requirements. Another Senator commented that Rollins should hold its students to high standards, as it does with the current 140 hour requirement. Another Senator asked if this transition meant that students will have to take fewer classes. The Academic Affairs Senator responded that students will still have Gen Ed, major, and elective requirements; the course load will be reduced because the number of Gen Eds will be reduced. Another Senator asked if the transition to the “5 + 1” teaching load will affect merit pay. The Academic Affairs Senator responded that the Academic Affairs Committee is waiting to hear about how it could be affected. Another Senator raised the point that labs take more time and effort than a normal class and therefore should receive more credits because it counts differently towards GPA. Another Senator asked if availability of courses will be affected by the transition to a “5 + 1” load. The President responded that “5 + 1” will be an option available to faculty, not a requirement and that additionally, department heads will make sure the student experience is not compromised. Another Senator mentioned that if anyone had any more concerns, they could take them to Dr. Strom, the Chair of the AAC. The President said he would ask if the meetings are open and if Senators could attend them to voice their concerns. There was a motion to table further discussion on this subject to next week. There was another motion to close the discussion permanently. The second motion was passed by the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Carlee Hoffmann, Internal Relations Chair